

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yonehama et al. (U.S. 6,562,934) in view of Tanaka et al. and the European patent.

This rejection is again respectfully traversed.

As pointed out in the response dated March 5, 2007, Yonehama et al. fails to disclose or suggest the polyamino compound obtained by addition reaction of aliphatic diamine represented by the formula (1) and styrene, which contains less than 2% by weight of unreacted aliphatic diamine represented by the formula (1).

In reply, the Advisory Action states Yonehama et al. (col. 4, lines 22-24 and col. 5, line 67 to col. 6, line 2) recognizes that the reaction of a high proportion of alkenyl compound such as styrene relative to the phenylene or cyclohexylene diamine of formula (1) results in a smaller amount of unreacted diamine and that it would have been obvious to reduce or eliminate the content of unreacted diamine by conducting the reaction with a high proportion of styrene relative to the diamine.

However, Yonehama is silent on the desirability of employing less than 2% by weight of the unreacted aliphatic diamine.

The secondary references fail to overcome the deficiencies of Yonehama as explained in detail in the response of October 24, 2006.

For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the rejection on prior art is respectfully requested.

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